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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Michael A. Tolin	Art Unit 1733	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 23 March 2001.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 50 and 57-64.
 3. The drawings filed on 04 August 1999 are acceptable as formal drawings.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/599,181.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS , OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Hayashi (US 4995799) shows an apparatus having a rotary table and means 32 for absorbing resin between layer 15 and substrate 29. Substrate 29 is an optical disc substrate, layer 15 is a stamper having optical information thereon, and a radiation curable resin is provided between layer 15 and substrate (Fig. 4). The claim recites functional language for bonding a first and second substrate to form an optical information medium and functional language for absorbing such that resin is absorbed through the center holes of the substrates. Upon further consideration of Hayashi, the examiner's position is that Hayashi is not capable of operating in this manner. Hayashi provides an apparatus for forming a coating on a substrate rather than bonding substrates. The stamper is fixed to the table with a bolt 53 (Fig. 4). It is unclear how one of ordinary skill would mount a pair of optical information medium substrates having adhesive therebetween on the apparatus of Hayashi. Additionally no teaching or suggestion was found in the prior art of record to use or modify Hayashi to arrive at the claimed apparatus for fabricating an optical information medium by bonding first and second substrates having center holes comprising the claimed table for integrally rotating and the claimed centrally disposed means for absorbing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael A. Tolin whose telephone number is (703) 305-6618. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:30am-8pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael W. Ball can be reached on (703) 308-2058. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7718 for regular communications and (703) 305-3599 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

April 11, 2001



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First Named Applicant	MIYAMOTO,		35 USC 154(b) term ext. =	0 Days.

TITLE OF INVENTION OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
I YAMAP0398USB	156-539.000	E99	UTILITY	NO	\$1240.00	07/13/01

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